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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

History of the Association.

MEMBERS will be glad to hear that the Council, at its meeting on October 6th, sanctioned arrangements whereby a History of the British Medical Association is to be prepared by Dr. S. D. Clippingdale. The History will be illustrated. Any members who possess records of the work of the Association of special importance from the historical point of view are asked to communicate with the Medical Secretary on the subject, indicating exactly the nature of the records in their possession. Further information with regard to the History will be published at a later date.

Retired Pay of R.A.M.C. Officers.

The long promised Army Order amending the Pay Warrant of September 13th, 1919, was issued last week (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, October 16th, 1920, p. 613). The Warrant referred to came as a shock to the senior majors, particularly those of twenty years' service, who found that they would lose £44 per annum by what had been looked forward to as a scheme for the general increase of pensions. This was explained in a leading article in the JOURNAL of October 18th, 1919, and the need for early revision of the scale was insisted upon. The Naval and Military Committee of the Association at once called the attention of the War Office to this obvious injustice, and received a promise that the matter should be reconsidered. Since then frequent reminders were sent to the War Office pointing out that there was a great deal of anxiety and irritation at the long delay in getting this matter put right. The net result of the revision of retired pay is a gain of £75 all round, thus confirming the statement, made on the authority of the War Office, in the Educational Number of the JOURNAL published on September 4th, 1920. It will be seen that under the new Warrant the retired major of twenty years' service gets back his lost £44, and is £31 a year better off. The general effect of the amended scale of retired pay for R.A.M.C. officers will be watched closely by the British Medical Association.

Election of Scottish Committee.

The Scottish Committee of the Association consists of all members of the Central Council who represent Scottish Branches thereon, togther with members appointed direct by the Scottish Divisions as grouped by the Council from time to time.

In Group I, consisting of the Divisions comprised within the Aberdeen and Northern Counties Branches, the only candidates nominated for the two seats are Drs. Thomas Fraser (Aberdeen) and Thomas Alexander (Elgin).

For Group II, consisting of the Divisions in the Dundee, Perth, Fife and Stirling Branches, returning two members, Drs. John Hume (Perth) and D. Elliot Dickson (Lochgelly) have been nominated.

In Group III (which elects three members), comprising the Divisions in the Edinburgh Branch, there are the following seven candidates: Dr. Wm. Blair (Jedburgh), Dr. Michael Dewar (Edinburgh), Dr. John Hunter (Edinburgh), Dr. Joseph Hunter (Dumfries), Dr. J. Lamond Lackie (Edinburgh), Dr. Peter C. McRobert (Innerleithen), and Dr. Robert Thin (Edinburgh).

In Group IV (which consists of the Glasgow City Divisions) there is also a contest for the two seats, Drs. A. Kennedy Glen (Glasgow), William Lawson (Glasgow), and John Ritchie (Hillhead, Glasgow) having been nominated.

For Group V (which elects two members), comprising the remaining Divisions in the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch and the Dumfries and Galloway Division, the following, being the only candidates, are elected: Dr. William D. Frew (Kilmarnock) and Dr. James B. Miller (Brownswood, Bishopbriggs).

Voting papers have been issued in connexion with Groups III and IV, and are returnable to the Scottish Medical Secretary, 6, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, not later than October 23rd, 1920.

Scottish Insurance Acts Subcommittee.

The Scottish Subcommittee of the Insurance Acts Committee consists of those members of the Committee resident in Scotland, together with four members elected by the members of the Scottish Burgh Panel Committees and four members elected by the members of the Scottish County Panel Committees of Scotland.

The following have been nominated for the four county seats: Dr. G. M. Adam (Brechin, Forfarshire), Dr. W. Blair (Jedburgh), Dr. W. F. Brown (Ayr), Dr. D. E. Dickson (Lochgelly, Fife), Dr. C. E. Douglas (Cupar, Fife), Dr. James Edwards (Perth), Dr. J. Hill (Renfrew), Dr. J. W. Little (Newmains, Lanarks), and Dr. A. Scott (Broxburn).

For the four burgh seats nominations have been received in respect of Dr. James Andrew (Coatbridge), Dr. Michael Dewar (Edinburgh), Dr. James Dunlop (Glasgow), Dr. A. Kennedy Glen (Glasgow), Dr. John Hume (Perth), Dr. W. Lawson (Glasgow), Dr. J. MacDonald (Motherwell), Dr. G. W. Miller (Dundee), Dr. C. Nairn (Greenock), Dr. J. S. Y. Rogers (Dundee), Dr. G. A. Rorie (Dundee), Dr. Jessie J. Thom (Dundee), and Dr. James Todd (Glasgow).

Voting papers will be issued on October 21st to every member of Scottish Panel Committees of whom the Medical Secretary has been notified, and are returnable to the Medical Secretary, 429, Strand, London, not later than Friday, October 29th, 1920.

Darlington Assistant School Medical Officer.

An advertisement appeared in a London daily newspaper on October 14th for a female assistant school medical officer for the county borough of Darlington at a salary of £400 a year. The salary offered is £100 a year less than the recognized minimum salary for posts of this kind, and the advertisement does not appear in the medical journals. It is hoped that after the success which has attended the efforts of the British Medical Association in Devon and Worcestershire no member of the profession

will be found to accept the underpaid post at Darlington. It was at Worcester that the chairman of the county council had to admit that, after his advertisement for a number of school medical officers at a salary £50 a year below the recognized minimum had been refused by the medical journals, he had tried the lay press, and that, although he had obtained a number of applications, they were not from suitable persons. In consequence of this statement the local Education Committee abandoned the contest, raised the salary, and came back once more to the medical journals. It is an axiom that caution should be observed as to advertisements of medical posts that are not advertised in the medical papers.

Association Notices.

VACANCIES ON COUNCIL.

EAST YORKS AND NORTH LINCOLN AND MIDLAND BRANCHES.

NOTICE is hereby given that a vacancy has been created on the Council by the resignation of Dr. G. K. Smiley, O.B.E. Nominations either (*a*) by a Division comprised in the above Group, or (*b*) by not less than three members of any such Branch, must reach the Medical Secretary not later than Saturday, October 23rd. Forms of nomination will be forwarded upon application.

In the event of a contest voting papers will be circulated from the Central Office to every member of the Branches concerned on October 27th, and must be returned to the Medical Secretary not later than Monday, November 1st, 1920.

NORTH OF ENGLAND AND NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCHES.

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy has been created on the Council by Dr. R. A. Bolam, O.B.E., becoming an *ex officio* member on his election as Chairman. Nominations either (*a*) by a Division comprised in the above Group, or (*b*) by not less than three members of any Branch therein, must reach the Medical Secretary not later than Saturday, October 23rd. Forms of nomination will be forwarded on application.

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CHANGES OF AREAS.

Transfer of Civil Parish of Dore from Chesterfield Division of Midland Branch to Sheffield Division of Yorkshire Branch.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council to all concerned that the following adjustment of areas has been made in accordance with the Articles and By-laws, and takes effect as from the date of this Notice:

> That the Civil Parish of Dore be transferred from the area of the Chesterfield Division of the Midland Branch to the Sheffield Division of the Yorkshire Branch.

Representation in Representative Body.—Unaffected.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A meeting of members and non-members will be held on Tuesday, October 26th, at 8.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Parish Hall (institute behind church), High Road, Willesden Green, N.W. Agenda: Report of Representative. Motion: "That rates for contract work in Willesden be not less than the insurance rates—that is, 3d. per week per person." Those having clubs are specially requested to attend. Consideration of report of Consultative Council to Ministry of Health. Those attending the meeting are asked to bring BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS of September 25th and October 16th and 23rd.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital on Friday, October 29th, at 9.15 p.m. Agenda: Report of the Consultative Council on Medical and Allied Services (members are asked to bring the SUPPLEMENT of October 16th, 1920). To consider the attitude of the Shoreditch Borough Council towards their district medical officers. Social entertainments. Tea and coffee.

NORFOLK BRANCH: EAST NORFOLK DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held in the Medical Library, Guildhall Hill, Norwich, on Wednesday, October 27th, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division, open to all members of the medical profession, will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of practitioners called by the Local Medical and Panel Committee, at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, on Friday, October 29th, at 3 p.m. Members are requested to obtain and study the *Interim Report on the Future Provision of Medical and Allied Services* (H.M. Stationery Office, price 1s. and postage).

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SHEFFIELD DIVISION. — A British Medical Association lecture will be given to this Division by Mr. W. Sampson Handley, M.S., on Friday, October 29th, at the Church House, St. James Street, Sheffield, at 8.45 p.m., on "The lines of advance in the surgery of the breast."

INSURANCE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Capital Value of Practices.

SIR,—Every insurance practitioner must appreciate Dr. Ward's lucid explanation of the "Dartford" scheme, given in ample time for consideration before the Panel Conference.

It seems to be quite clear from this explanation (*a*) that the scheme does not purport to be a business proposal, but a way by which to make a present of money; (*b*) that the payment out of the pool formed of undefined amounts, if any, depends on there being any money there when required; (*c*) that the insured persons concerned can go where they prefer; (*d*) that the successor to the practice may (and probably will) obtain the majority, paid for by his new colleagues; (*e*) that in due course he will become entitled to be bought out by his colleagues, and his successor will likewise obtain ninepence for fourpence; and (*f*) that the Ministry of Health is to be asked to compel by regulations all insurance practitioners in the district, whether they approve the proposal or not, to contribute to the pool by a deduction in order to finance this philanthropic proposal.

This being so I have nothing further to say; one must not look a gift horse in the mouth.—I am, etc.,

Hove, Oct. 16th. E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL.

The Salford System.

SIR,—As Dr. Stanley Hodgson's description of the working of the Salford system of payment by attendance under the Insurance Act mainly corroborates that given by his colleague, Dr. Taylor, and particularly as he does not claim for it superiority over the capitation system—the point at issue—his letter scarcely calls for criticism from one attempting to voice the opinions of the panel practitioner. It is only when the exponent becomes advocate that he courts opposition.

Dr. Hodgson recalls Dr. Bradley's campaign against the Insurance Act on the question of the insurance risk, whether it should be "individual" or "collective," and relates how the adoption of the latter method, "collective responsibility," led to the Salford system being established. How futile all that wordy warfare seems now, after the lapse of nine years, and the experience of collective practice under the Insurance Act gained in that time! The old party cries raised at the time against contract practice are now discredited or, for the most part, have lost their significance. The bane of contract practice in the old days was due not, as Dr. Hodgson avers, to the fact that the practitioner had to assume "unlimited" individual responsibility for the medical attendance of his contract patients, but (1) to the poor payment for the work done, (2) to the "insecurity of tenure" (no club appointment being safe), and (3) to the humiliating and irritating conditions of service inseparable from lay control. When these defects were removed, as under the Insurance Act (panel system), the objectionable features of contract practice for the most part disappeared.

It is interesting to note that the misconception of the risks and responsibilities of panel practice, voiced in the party cry, "Unlimited responsibility for a limited fee," led indirectly to the adoption of the Salford system. But, except in a theoretical sense, "unlimited" responsibility for the individual practitioner never existed. His responsibility is strictly limited by the sickness incidence among his insured patients, which varies within definite limits. As every contract practitioner knew, and some of us maintained at the time the Insurance Bill was under discussion, given a contract fee based on a datum line fairly adjusted to the sickness incidence of adult persons, ascertained from reliable data, the insurance risk to the individual practitioner was comparatively small. Experience of the Insurance Act during the past nine years has

proved this, as regards the general run of panel practices. How many practitioners worry about their "unlimited" responsibility nowadays? It is an exploded myth.

Dr. Hodgson will not have it that there is any "free choice." It is "simply nonsense," he states, and asks derisively, "Is a man undergoing six months' hard labour 'free'?" The retort to this absurd analogy is so obvious that I refrain from making it. But surely when an insured person signs and hands over his medical card to his panel doctor he is exercising his "free choice." Apparently Dr. Hodgson thinks it a fault or defect in the panel system that the insured person has not the right to change his doctor at any time he thinks fit and under any pretext. He ignores the bond or contract implied in the signing of the medical card which renders such liberty of change unnecessary.

Regarding the intention of the Ministry of Health to destroy vested interests in insured persons, I admit that under the Salford system this will be defeated, as it deserves to be. But is it really so great a danger to the panel practitioner as has been suggested? Is it not another bogey raised to frighten the timid? Experience goes to show that, in the past, panels have been transferred almost *en bloc* to an acceptable purchaser when reasonable precautions were taken in the transfer. Such is the "psychology of groups" that there is every likelihood that the experience of the past will be repeated in the future, despite the best (or worst) that the Ministry may do. In any case the risk can be insured against under the "Brighton" or some similar system. I still maintain that while the insurance patients in Salford are quite as transferable as private patients, a private practice (of the usual middle or working class type) when buttressed by a considerable panel is a better marketable asset than a practice in which the insured and private patients are merged together as in Salford.

Dr. Hodgson dwells on the psychological aspect of the Salford system as regards the relationship of doctor and patient, and reminds us that the empty surgery means no money from the Insurance Committee. The capitation system has also its psychology, but it works differently from the Salford system. The empty surgery causes the panel doctor no misgivings, rather it is a source of satisfaction, for he knows that, despite the healthy state of his insured *clientèle*, his income continues undiminished. Surely a comforting reflection in these days of heavy rates and increasing income tax.

To sum up: the Salford system has two serious defects which veto it for general adoption: (1) It is in no sense a preventive system (as the panel system undoubtedly is); (2) its cost, based on a reasonable payment per attendance, would be prohibitive. If the desired goal is an efficient national system of medical service, why take the "Salford" road? It is a bypath which leads to nowhere. Why should the Salford practitioners not join us panel men who are thronging the main road? It is direct, easier to travel, and we can make the pace whatever we like.—I am, etc.,

J. CHARLES, M.D.,

Honorary Secretary, Consett Division; Member of the Durham Insurance Committee and Durham Panel Committee.

Stanley, co. Durham, Oct. 11th.

NORTH RIDING LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

MEETINGS of the North Riding of Yorkshire Panel Committee were held on August 19th and September 2nd, and of the Local Medical Committee on September 2nd. It was decided to recommend, in view of the increased cost of living and expenses of practices, that a general increase of 100 per cent. be made on the medical fees of 1914 as from July 1st, 1920, the increase being liable to alteration in the event of the cost of living either rising or declining.

The mileage scheme for 1920 was approved with the following basis of payment:

Between 2 and 3 miles	1 unit.
" 3 " 4 "	2 units.
" 4 " 5 "	6 "
" 5 " 6 "	8 "
" 6 " 7 "	12 "
" 7 " 8 "	13 "
" 8 " 9 "	14 "
" 9 " 10 "	15 "
" 10 " 11 "	16 "
" 11 " 12 "	17 "
" 12 " over	18 "

It was resolved that no mileage should obtain with regard to temporary residents and emergency cases.

The financial statement of accounts for 1919-20 was presented and accepted. Any North Riding panel practitioner can obtain a copy of the audited financial statement on application to the Treasurer, Dr. T. I. Mills, Easingwold, Yorks.

HACKNEY PANEL ASSOCIATION.

AT the annual meeting of the Hackney Panel Practitioners' Association, held on September 22nd, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

1. That the election of representatives on the Panel Committee should be by postal vote, with adequate notice of the nominations.
2. That fees for emergency treatment of patients outside their panel doctors' 2-mile radius should be paid out of the general fund.
3. That any pension scheme should be purely voluntary.
4. That the capitation fee to be asked for 1921 should be 15s., on account of increasing expenses and work.

EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANTS.

AT a meeting of the London Insurance Committee on September 23rd it was reported that a deputation had been received from the London Panel Committee to urge the removal of the condition whereby the name of every permanent assistant to an insurance practitioner has to be included in the medical list. The Ministry of Health, however, had since stated that while the inclusion of an assistant's name in the list in no way affected the responsibility of the principal for all acts and omissions of his assistant, it enabled the committee, where a serious breach of the terms of service had occurred, to make representations for removal of the assistant's name from the list; were the assistant not subject to this penalty he would be free, as a registered medical practitioner, to require his name to be included in any medical list, notwithstanding any established charges against him, showing that his inclusion would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the service. The London Insurance Committee agreed that the condition requiring a permanent assistant to place his name on the medical list should remain, and that some means of indicating in the list that a given practitioner was acting as assistant to another should be adopted.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty: Surgeon Commanders R. H. McGiffin, O.B.E., to the *King George V* on recommissioning, K. H. Jones to the *Emperor of India* on recommissioning; Surgeon Lieutenant Commander L. A. Moncrieff to the *Pembroke* for R N. Barracks; Surgeon Lieutenants J. J. Carroll to the *Pembroke*, W. A. Joliffe to the *Emperor of India* on recommissioning.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary Colonel Sir W. Taylor, K.B.E., C.B., relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel S. O. Hall retires on retired pay.

F. L. Vaux, late Lieut.-Colonel C.A.M.C., to be temporary Lieut.-Colonel.

Major V. C. Honeybourne retires receiving a gratuity.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Major: Captain J. M. Weddell; Temporary Captains J. T. McCullagh, A. W. Uloth, A. C. Sturrock.

To be acting Majors: Captain W. M. Dickson (from February 25th to October 25th, 1918, and from June 7th to September 8th, 1919), P. G. Tuohy (from June 23rd to August 3rd, 1920).

Major T. F. Ritchie, D.S.O., retires on retired pay, August 18th, 1920, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, August 17th, 1920).

Captain G. K. Fulton, late R.A.M.C.(S.R.), to be Lieutenant and to be temporary Captain August 9th, 1917, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to October 1st, 1920, with precedence next below J. C. Burns.

To be temporary Captains: Temporary Lieutenant W. F. Gardener, S. P. Hyam, late temporary Captain, with seniority from July 15th, 1918.

To be temporary Lieutenants: R. M. Walker, J. W. Hancock Steil, S. E. Price.

The following officers relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Major F. A. A. Holmden, and retains the rank of Major. Temporary Captains, and are granted the rank of Major: W. E. Graves, H. M. Vickers, H. S. Laird. Temporary Captains, and retain the rank of Captain: A. E. Wood, D. Manson, T. A. O'Brien, C. I. Stockley, J. A. C. Smith, J. W. Harvey, D. P. Thomas, R. L. Wilcox, T. B. Dakin, H. E. Alexander, E. G. Sworder, A. J. Adkins, A. R. Rendle, G. A. Mavor (on account of ill health contracted on active service), A. C. Freeth, J. Elliott, R. M. Hume. Temporary Captain R. M. Clarke. Temporary Lieutenant W. E. Shipsey, and retains the rank of Lieutenant.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The following officers relinquish their commissions:—Captains and are granted the rank of Major: C. S. Staddon, M.C., W. J. Webster, M.C., (Brevet Major) B. Shires. Captains and retain the rank of Captain: I. D. Dickson, M.C., A. K. Gibson, R. Isbister, R. C. Davenport, I. Aubrey, M.C., J. B. Leigh, H. B. Dykes, A. E. Jenkins, J. S. White, W. J. Harvey, A. W. Smith, A. F. Cook (since deceased), W. Williams, P. Shillito, G. E. Tilsley, T. A. Butcher, O.B.E., A. C. Hill, A. Bullied, H. J. Parish, E. B. Hickson, G. F. Mitchell, W. Adams, W. A. Jackson, J. S. McL. Gray, J. A. Martin, A. Blackstock, R. P. Jack, W. L. Yell, K. J. A. Gillanders, A. S. Westmorland, E. D. Spackman, J. A. Dawson, A. G. Shurlock.

Captain O. Williams relinquishes the acting rank of Major.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Kidd, O.B.E., T.D., from 3rd Highland Field Ambulance, to command 1st Scottish Casualty Clearing Station.

Major G. W. Miller, D.S.O., T.D., to be Lieut.-Colonel and to command 3rd Highland Field Ambulance, vice Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Kidd, O.B.E., T.D., to 1st Scottish Casualty Clearing Station.

Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Bruce to be Captain, with precedence as from May 1st, 1919, and to relinquish the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) R. B. Purves, D.S.O., relinquishes the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on ceasing to be specially employed.

Major J. M. Gover, D.S.O., to be Lieutenant-Colonel and to command 1st Northern Casualty Clearing Station.

Major O. H. Mavor (late R.A.M.C.S.R.) to be Captain, with precedence as from April 1st, 1915, and to relinquish the rank of Major.

Captain (acting Major) T. W. S. Paterson relinquishes the acting rank of Major on ceasing to be specially employed.

Captain C. W. Ponder to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and to command 1st Home Counties Field Ambulance.

Captain T. S. Elliot, M.C., to be D.A.D.M.S., North Midland Division.

To be Majors: Major C. V. Bulstrode, D.S.O., T.D., from R.H. and R.F.A., with precedence as from February 10th, 1918; Captain (Brevet-Major) J. Ewing, Captains A. E. P. McConnell, M.C., J. W. Craven, M.C., A. H. Pinder, E. Knight, O.B.E., F. K. Smith.

Captain J. A. Henderson vacates the appointment of D.A.D.M.S.

Captain E. Osborne to be acting Major whilst specially employed.

The following officers are restored to the establishment: Captains J. J. C. Hamilton, J. E. Lascelles (May 14th, 1919—substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, February 11th, 1920.)

To be Captains: Captain C. W. Ponder, from 1st London (C. of L.) Sanitary Company, with precedence as from August 1st, 1915; Captain R. S. Morshead, M.C. (late temporary Captain R.A.M.C.), with precedence as from September 28th, 1918; Captain A. H. Norris, M.C. (from T.F.Res.), with precedence as from December 21st, 1912; Captain J. M. Postlethwaite (from T.F.Res.), with precedence as from August 2nd, 1913; Captain L. G. Parsons (from 1st Southern General Hospital), with precedence as from September 30th, 1914; Captain J. H. Cobb (from 3rd Northern General Hospital), with precedence as from October 1st, 1914; Captain J. Rowland, M.C. (late Captain R.A.M.C. S.R.), with precedence as from August 2nd, 1918; Captain T. C. Clare, from 5th Northern General Hospital, with precedence as from August 30th, 1914. Captain I. J. Williams, late temporary Captain R.A.M.C., with precedence as from May 9th, 1918.

The announcement regarding Captain E. Alderson, D.S.O., which appeared in the *London Gazette* of September 13th is cancelled.

Lieutenant J. F. O'Grady (late Lieutenant 7th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers) to be Lieutenant, with precedence as from January 17th, 1916.

The following officers resign their commissions:—Lieut.-Colonel E. J. Cross, and retains the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform. Major J. B. Yeoman, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; Major G. Ashton, T.D., and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform; Captains and are granted the rank of Major: A. E. Huxtable, M.C., May 22nd, 1920 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, May 21st, 1920), W. H. Manson; Captains and retain the rank of Captain: C. T. Matthews, September 4th, 1920 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, September 3rd, 1920), D. M. Grant, W. S. B. Bensted-Smith, R. McAdoo, G. McConnell, J. W. McKeggie, S. S. Meighan, J. A. Sellar, F. A. Dick, W. M. Cox, M.C.

Supernumerary for Service with the Officers' Training Corps.—Belfast University Medical Unit Contingent (Senior Division): Captain G. G. Lyttle to relinquish his commission and to retain his rank, September 10th, 1920 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, September 9th, 1920). Temporary Colonel Sir W. Taylor, K.B.E., C.B., from A.M.S., to be Major and to command Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Contingent (Medical Unit), Senior Division, Officers Training Corps. Lieutenant W. L. H. Duckworth resigns his commission and is granted the rank of Captain.

1st London Sanitary Company.—Lieutenant F. Rae to be Captain.

1st Eastern General Hospital.—Captain H. A. Cookson resigns his commission and is granted the rank of Major.

2nd Eastern General Hospital.—Captain R. Sanderson having attained the age limit is retired, and retains the rank of Captain.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, 13a, Upper Wimpole Street, W.—Wednesday, 9 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. A. C. Jordan on Stasis and the Prevention of Cancer.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Monday, 8.30 p.m., Discussion: The Determination of Degree of Renal Function, to be introduced by Professor J. B. Leathes, followed by Dr. Langdon Brown, Mr. Thomson Walker, O.B.E., Mr. Frank Kidd, Dr. H. MacLean, and Dr. W. H. Willcox, C.B., C.M.G.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Demonstrations: Monday, 5 p.m., Professor Shattock: Lipoma. Friday, 5 p.m., Professor Keith: Malformations of Rectum, Anus, Vulva, and Vagina.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Section of Odontology:* Monday, 8 p.m., Casual communication by Mr. Montagu Hopson. Presidential Address, by Mr. W. H. Dolamore: Clinical Observation in Dental Surgery. *Section of Medicine:* Tuesday, 5.30 p.m., Dr. F. Parkes Weber: Differentiation of Secondary Forms of Polycythaemia Rubra. Dr. Paterson: Transient Polycythaemia in a Child. *Section of Urology:* Thursday, 8.30 p.m., Sir Thomas Horder: Treatment of Subacute Nephritis by Decapsulation. Mr. Victor Bonney: A New Operation for Nephroptosis. *Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine:* Friday, 8.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. A. K. Chalmers: The Isolation Hospital in a General Scheme of Hospital Provision.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

MANCHESTER FRENCH HOSPITAL.—Thursday, 4.15 p.m., Dr. A. C. Magian: Medical Treatment of some Common Gynaecological Complaints.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tuesday, 4.30 p.m., Mr. J. Howson Ray: Treatment of Cervical Adenitis.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART, Westmoreland Street, W.—Monday, 5.30 p.m., Dr. Price: Physical Signs of Heart Disease.

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NOVEMBER.

2 Tues. London: Public Health Committee, 2.30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS.

FELDMAN, W. M., M.B.Lond., Temporary Assistant Physician to the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell.

HEWER, C. Langton, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Anaesthetist to the Queen's Hospital for Children, Bethnal Green.

PEARSON, J. D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Cheltenham Union.

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DONALDSON.—To Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Donaldson, on October 6th, at 6, King Street, Portman Square—a son.

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MARRIAGE.

GEBBIE—MURDOCH.—At The Burlington House, Bath Street, Glasgow, on September 28th, 1920, Nicolas Gebbie, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., to Helen Young Murdoch, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.

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